AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph [001] with the following:

[001]   This application claims priority of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/451,054 filed February 28, 2003, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. Further, this application is related to U.S. Patent Application No. ————10/787,320 ~~(Attorney Docket No. 06502.0568-00000)~~, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING SNAPSHOT CAPABILITIES IN A STORAGE VIRTUALIZATION ENVIRONMENT," and filed concurrently herewith, U.S. Patent Application No. ————10/787,322 ~~(Attorney Docket No. 06502.0569-00000)~~, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR DYNAMICALLY UPDATING STATE INFORMATION IN A STORAGE VIRTUALIZATION ENVIRONMENT," and filed concurrently herewith, U.S. Patent Application No. ————10/787,321 ~~(Attorney Docket No. 06502.0570-00000)~~, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PERFORMING QUIESCENCE IN A STORAGE VIRTUALIZATION ENVIRONMENT ," and filed concurrently herewith, and U.S. Patent Application No. ————10/787,323 ~~(Attorney Docket No. 06502.0572-00000)~~, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING A MULTI-PATH NETWORK SWITCH SYSTEM," and filed concurrently herewith, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.